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1. US REP HUTAR WILL MAKE GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT SUBJECT  
ITEM AFTERNOON MONDAY, APRIL 26. IN ADDITION TO THE  
GENERAL POINTS IN THE DEPT'S POSITION PAPER, GENERAL DEBATE  
STATEMENT WILL INCLUDE FOLLOWING POINTS.  
MISSION REQUESTS DEPT CLEARANCE.

THE US GENERALLY SUPPORTS THE SYG'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING  
CONTINUATION OF THE VOLUNTARY FUND ESTABLISHED FOR  
THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR. WE WISH, HOWEVER, TO MAKE  
THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ADEQUATE FUNDING, AND  
THE LIMITED FUNDS AVAILABLE, WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE  
ESSENTIAL TO USE THE FUNDS WITH GREAT CARE AND RESTRAINT  
SO THAT WOMEN THEMSELVES MAY RECEIVE THE FULL MEASURE OF  
HELP FROM ANY EXPENDITURES.

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WE SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DELEGATE FROM PAKISTAN THAT THIS FUND SHOULD BE USED TO THE GREATEST EXTENT TO BENEFIT THE NEEDIEST, LEAST PRIVILEGED. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL ADMINISTRATIVE COST EXPENDITURES SHOULD BE HELD TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM SO THAT THE BENEFITS FOR WOMEN AT THE LOWER LEVELS CAN BE MAXIMIZED. THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHER UN BODIES, SUCH AS UNDP, INDICATES THAT A FEW WELL CHOSEN PROJECTS REPRESENT A MORE EFFICIENT USE OF FUNDS THAN A LARGE NUMBER OF PROJECTS WHICH USE UP A DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE BUDGET IN OVERHEAD COSTS CONNECTED WITH TRAVEL AND ADMINISTRATION. WITH RESPECT TO MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND, WE WOULD LIKE TO AMPLIFY THE PROCEDURES SUGGESTED IN THE SYG'S REPORT. WE BELIEVE THAT PROJECT PROPOSALS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO SOME EXISTING UN INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY, SUCH AS THE UNDP, PRIOR TO COMMITMENT OF FUNDS. A REVIEW BY A INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY IS CONSPICUOUSLY LACKING IN THE PROPOSAL BEFORE US. WE NOTE THAT THE SYG'S RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDE THAT A GOVERNMENT MAY EARMARK FUNDS FOR A SPECIFIC USE AND THEREBY RETAIN SOME CONTROL OVER ITS FUNDS. WE BELIEVE THIS SYSTEM ALONE WILL NOT ENSURE AN EFFICIENT, WELL-PLANNED FUND. WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THIS ASPECT OF THE FUND BECAUSE WE WISH TO SEE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FUND WHICH WILL BE SOUNDLY MANAGED AND WHICH WILL ATTRACT GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SOURCES. IN CONNECTION WITH THE FUND, WE WISH TO UNDERLINE THAT THE EXISTENCE OF THIS VOLUNTARY FUND DOES NOT RELIEVE OTHER UN BODIES OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENSURING THAT THE NEEDS AND PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN ARE CONSIDERED IN RELATION TO EACH AND EVERY PROJECT AND PROGRAM. OUR GOAL IS TO ENSURE THAT WOMEN RECEIVE A FAIR SHARE OF THE CURRENT RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS NOW EXISTING IN THE UN.

WITH REGARD TO THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE THE US SUPPORTS THE SYG'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO SOLICIT VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND TO UNDERTAKE A PREPARATORY STUDY OF THE INSTITUTE, DRAWING ON FUNDS FROM THE IWY. THE US BELIEVES THAT THE INSTITUTE SHOULD BE AFFILIATED OR IN SOME MANNER LINKED WITH THE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION AND CAPABILITIES ALREADY EXISTING IN THE UN

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STRUCTURE. WE WOULD OPPOSE CREATION OF A NEW COUNCIL OR BOARD AS PROPOSED IN PARAGRAPH 17 OF DOCUMENT E/5772, TO PERFORM A SUPERVISORY FUNCTION. THIS BOARD WOULD BE A COSTLY AND UNNECESSARY ADDITION. THE PROPOSED FUNCTION OF THIS BOARD COULD WELL BE PERFORMED BY EXISTING BODIES SUCH AS UNITAR. WE APPRECIATE THE CONCERN THAT THIS INSTITUTE DEVOTED TO RESEARCH ON WOMEN SHOULD NOT BE SUBMERGED OR LOST IN ANOTHER AGENCY

OR BECOME SIMPLY AN INACTIVE OR IGNORED BUREAU OF ANOTHER ORGANIZATION. WE BELIEVE, NONETHELESS, THAT THE INSTITUTE SHOULD BE AFFILIATED WITH OTHER UN BODIES AND SHOULD NOT BE IN AN ISOLATED ORGANIZATION. DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF ALL UN PROGRAMS. WE MUST NOT SIMPLY CREATE NEW AND SEPARATE INSTITUTIONS BUT MUST MOBILIZE THE EXISTING CENTERS OF POWER TO SERVE THE GOALS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN AS WELL AS OF MEN.  
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